

FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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OFFER TO BUY: Canned, Frozen, and Dried Fruit and Frozen Potatoes

The Department of Agriculture announced it is planning to purchase canned, frozen, and dried fruit and frozen potatoes for donation to the Child Nutrition Programs in fiscal year 2008, according to Robert C. Keeney, Deputy Administrator, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service.

The anticipated purchases will be made from offers that must be submitted on a delivered-to-destination price basis. Deliveries will be required during the period of July 15, 2008 through November 15, 2008.

Products, container sizes, and approximate quantities sought are as follows:

PRODUCT	CONTAINER SIZE	U.S. GRADE	NO. CASES
Frozen Potato Wedges (Fat-Free)	6/5 lb.	A	92,400
Frozen Potato Wedges	6/5 lb.	A	173,910
Frozen Oven Potatoes	6/5 lb.	A	201,535
Frozen Potato Rounds	6/5 lb.	Per C.I.D	259,602
Frozen Raspberry Puree	6/5.75 lb.	A	2,816
Frozen Blueberries, Cultivated	30 lb.	B	6,600
Frozen Blueberries, Wild	30 lb.	B	9,240
Dried Cherries	4/4 lb.	Per C.I.D	5,544
Canned Cherries	6/#10	B	8,208

PLEASE NOTE: This announcement does not commit USDA to purchase specific quantities or particular products. The quantities described in this FOOD PURCHASE REPORT are estimates and are intended to provide only general notice of USDA purchasing plans. Those plans are subject to change. Actual purchases will depend upon prices and quantities offered as well as possible adjustments in user requirements.

Invitations to bid, including final details and specifications, will be sent to processors. Offers to sell these products must be received not later than the date specified on the Invitation to Bid. **All bids must be submitted using the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES). Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive.**

Further information can be obtained from the Commodity Procurement Branch, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Ave. Room 1406 - South Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-4517 or our Internet Site: www.ams.usda.gov/cp.